

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the City of Hampton, York County, the City of Newport News, and the City of Poquoson invite citizens to a public meeting to discuss the development of Implementation Plans (IP) to address fecal bacteria impairments to shellfishing and recreation in the Back and Poquoson River watersheds. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies for the impairments were approved by EPA in 2014 and are available on DEQ's website:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDevelopment/ApprovedTMDLReports.aspx>

The Implementation Plans will identify ways to meet the pollutant reductions outlined in the TMDL studies.

The first public meeting to begin development of the TMDL Implementation Plans for the Back and Poquoson River watersheds will be held:

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 5:30pm
Sandy Bottom Nature Park
1255 Big Bethel Road
Hampton, VA 23666

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed reductions in bacteria needed in the affected watersheds and to solicit public participation for the IP development.

The IPs will include the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and the associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts. The IPs will also provide measurable goals and a timeline of expected achievement of water quality objectives. A fact sheet on the development of the IPs is available upon request.

How to comment: The public comment period on development of the IPs will end on November 21, 2014. Oral comments will be accepted and addressed at the public meeting. Additional questions or information requests should be addressed to Dana Gonzalez. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Dana Gonzalez at DEQ or Jill Sunderland at HRPDC:

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